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PROVINCE VII HISPANIC SPECIALISTS MEET

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DALLAS (DPS, Dec. 2) -- A group of Province Seven networkers augmented by Hispanic specialists met Nov. 8-10 here to begin a planning process that will help the church to be aware of the potential for ministry to and with Hispanic people.

The meeting, called by Network Coordinator, the Rev. Fred Howard, of the Episcopal Church Center, gathered at the Bishop Mason Retreat Center for three days of intensive brainstorming on how the church can meet the challenges provided by the Province's -- and the whole church's -- growing Hispanic population.

The task appeared to the 14 persons gathered to be one of identification of the Hispanic population, of affirming to them who and what the Episcopal Church is, of identifying resources and gathering them in for a unified effort that recognizes not only common problems but also cultural differences.

The group of eight clergy and six laity from three Texas dioceses represented a broad spectrum of Christian endeavors: education, evangelism, youth ministries, communication, parish ministry, United Thank Offering.

Some present major needs to help the church work with Hispanics were identified as : 1) a program to discover persons who have a vocation in Hispanic ministries; 2) an effort to develop bicultural as well as bilingual strengths; 3) effective ways to reach and help undocumented persons as well as the settled educated middle class Hispanics; 4) a good solid Christian education curriculum in Spanish; 5) ways to integrate Hispanics into predominantly white congregations that will prove enriching to both cultures, and 6) emphasis in evangelistic efforts on explaining the Episcopal Church to Hispanics in terms of its own strengths rather than merely as an alternative to Roman Catholicism. This latter is very important, the Rt. Rev. Anselmo Carral, director of Province Seven's Hispanic Ministry Center at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, pointed out, "because we are a beautiful church, with a beautiful faith that we should explain clearly."

The group also discussed the problem of stewardship on the part of Hispanics which is often poor partly because of income level and partly because of prevailing stereotypes. "Anglos have a tendency to believe that all Mexicans are poor so they don't ask them for anything," said the Rev. Hugh Magers, chairman of the board of the Hispanic Ministry Center. But the Rev. Roberto Torres, minister to Hispanic persons, Diocese of Texas, said that in his church, Epiphany, Houston, which has approximately 35 people per Sunday at its Spanish Eucharist, ten persons pledged on stewardship Sunday for a total of approximately \$400 per month. "To say to them 'You don't have to give anything to the church' deprives them of their dignity," Magers said.

St. Michael's Cathedral in Dallas has two congregations which are beginning to blend through parish-wide activities such as the annual bazaar according to the Rev. Uriel Osnaya. People cook and serve together and discover each other and gradually begin to attend one another's services. He admitted that the ghetto aspect is a very real problem with establishing Hispanic congregations in largely white churches.

The stereotypes ... "all Anglos are rich ... all Mexicans live for manana ... the poor are closer to God because they are simple and therefore pure as well as poor ... all these ideas much be examined and discarded. The poor are no closer to God than the rich. Both groups are frustrated," commented Marta Guerrero, regional religious education coordinator who works with Hispanics in Eagle Pass.

Developing leadership within the Hispanic community is seen as a major need. Magers pointed out that much was done through informal coalitions at the

General Convention in getting Hispanics elected to positions of national importance. Leadership training, said Carral, is needed at every level, particularly in adult education.

Also needed is a program of counseling aimed at the special needs of Hispanics and involving trained Hispanic professionals. Premarital counseling, help for alcoholics and drug abusers as well as general family problems are among the needs cited.

The Center for Hispanic Ministry soon will begin publishing a magazine incorporating articles on Hispanic ministry, resources and news of Hispanic congregations, Carral told the group.

He said the important thing in ministry is to let the people be themselves. "The gifts we receive from those we serve will greatly enrich our liturgy."

Magers pointed out that it is essential for all Episcopalians to become involved in Hispanic work for the sake of wholeness in the Body of Christ. "You have to come to it in sevanthood ... to be open to spiritual conversion ... you have to be a pilgrim.

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PICTURE CAPTION (Dec. 2, 1982)
Church School Missionary Offering Poster

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#82249 Rio de Janeiro's famous statute of Christ the Redeemer is the focal point of the 1982-83 yellow and blue poster for the Church School Missionary Offering. The Advent-to-Advent offering will go to the Episcopal Church of Brazil to produce Christian education books and other materials in Portuguese for use by Sunday school children and other church groups. Parishes are encouraged to use the CSMO poster, offering boxes, and resource booklets at a convenient time during the liturgical year from Advent Sunday 1982 through the last Sunday after Pentecost 1983. The resource booklet includes material on the history and culture of Brazil, the growth of the Brazilian Episcopal Church, as well as stories, games, crafts, music, recipes, and ideas for a parish-wide celebration. Materials are available from the Seabury Book Service, Seabury Service Center, Somers, CT 06071.

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LIEBLER, MINISTER
WITH NAVAJOS, DIES

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 2) -- Nearly 40 years ago, the Rev. Harold Baxter Liebler abandoned a thriving congregation he had started in his native Northeast to minister with the Navajo of Utah. In late November, the Navajo people buried Liebler near the site where he had first celebrated the eucharist with them.

Liebler, 92, was a much-loved legend in the southwest, especially among the older members of the Navajo nation; many of whom were among the 2,000 he baptized in his 40 years in the desert. The site of his burial has been considered sacred ground by many of the tribe for years. He has been described as one of the last witnesses to the missionary impulse that characterized Anglo-Catholicism in the late years of the last century.

A native of New York and a graduate of Columbia College, he began his ministry in Waukesha, Wisc., in 1914 after training at Nashotah House. He moved back to the northeast as curate of St. Luke's Chapel in New York's Greenwich Village in 1917 and a year later, went to St. Paul's Church in Riverside, Conn., as rector.

In the same year, he began the work in nearby Old Greenwich, founding St. Saviour's Church there. He served both congregations until 1924 when he left St. Paul's. He remained rector of Old Greenwich until 1943 when he left for the Utah desert.

By the time he moved west, he knew the Navajo language and had spent vacations among the people of the reservation. He started the mission of St. Christopher's at Bluff and ran that until 1962. Four years later, although "retired," he founded the Hat Rock Valley retreat center and the Church of St. Mary's of the Moonlight from which his requiem was celebrated. He had continued to celebrate a daily mass in English and Navajo and a Navajo prayer for the dead was said as part of the Burial Office.

Liebler was the author of three books: *Moccasin Tracks*, *When We Look Around Us*, and *Boil My Heart for Me*, and numerous magazine articles. He was honored for his work by his seminary, by St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City and by the Utah Medical Association. Shortly after his ordination he married Frances Marks who died in 1977. He is survived by three sons of that marriage and by his widow, Joan Eskell Liebler.

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

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SALT LAKE CITY (DPS, Dec. 2) -- The Episcopal and Roman Catholic Bishops in Utah celebrated the "Common Declaration" of Pope John Paul and Archbishop Robert Runcie recently with a day that began with a pulpit exchange and ended with a service of Vespers at the Episcopal cathedral here. Bishops Otis Charles and William Weigand issued their own declaration stating their intention to continue to work and find ways to enhance the steps toward unity noted in the spring paper and spelled out in the final document of the Anglican-Roman Catholic international conversations.

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LONDON (DPS, Dec. 2) -- A new Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission is expected to begin work in late 1983 following a planning meeting in Rome in early November. The new panel will work out the mandate expressed in the Common Declaration of Archbishop Robert Runcie and Pope John Paul to "examine ... the outstanding differences which still separate us" Anglican members will be appointed by Runcie and the secretary general of the Anglican Consultative Council in consultation with the Primates.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 2) -- Archbishop Justin Ndandali of Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire has received \$10,000 from the Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to help the diocese of Butare cope with a mounting tide of refugees from Uganda. Ndandali detailed the need for housing, clothing, food and medical aid for 40,000 such refugees.

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SEWANEE, Tenn. (Dec. 2) -- The University of the South has received the largest gift of its history -- a bequest from Clarita F. Crosby of New York City of stock valued at \$5 million. The bequest will establish the Clarita F. Crosby Scholarships with a \$1 million trust fund. The College of Arts and Sciences scholarships will go to "deserving young men and women of good character and intellectual promise," according to the will. One half of the scholarships will be awarded to women. The remainder of the bequest may be used for general purposes. A native of New York and an active Episcopalian, she attended public schools in the Bronx and graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University. After college she studied voice and sang in several New York churches. She had also worked in the bond department of First National City Bank handling customers' investments.

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TOKYO (DPS, Dec. 2) -- The Diocese of Dacca in the Church of Bangladesh, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania in the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Kita Kanto in the Nippon Sei Ko Kai have entered a three-way companion relationship for mutual mission and understanding. One recent expression of this companionship has been a series of visits. Two clergy from the Diocese of Kita Kanto spent one month in Dacca in the spring. In August, Bishop Barnabas D. Mondal of Dacca, came to Japan for a month's visit in Kita Kanto. In September, he and Bishop Paul S. Saito of Kita Kanto left Japan together for a visit to Central Pennsylvania at the invitation of Bishop Charlie F. McNutt of Central Pennsylvania. Their visit also included attendance at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and then several weeks in the Diocese visiting in each of the various areas and meeting with local churches and members. Many of the dioceses of NSKK have companions, but this is the only one that involves three dioceses in different circumstances.

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KIMBERLEY, South Africa (DPS, Dec. 2) -- The Rev. Ivor Shapiro, editor of *SEEK*, monthly newspaper of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, has been fined R200 after pleading guilty to a charge of possessing banned publications. His passport, typewriter and other documents, seized some months ago have now been returned and the long, drawn-out case which involved several remands, has now been concluded.

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MEMO: WCC PRESS ACCREDITATION

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TO Episcopal Communicators

An application form for press accreditation for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches is enclosed. (Please note that the deadline for application is Jan. 31, 1983.) When approved, you will hear from the WCC office in Geneva.

The Assembly will be held July 24 - August 10, 1983 on the University of Columbia campus in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. About one-fourth of the estimated 4,000 official participants of the Assembly will be representing print and electronic media around the world.

Just prior to the WCC Assembly -- July 20-23, 1983 -- an International Consultation of Anglican Communicators will be held on the campus of the University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. A brochure and registration form will be mailed to Episcopal Communicators in early 1983.

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Attachment: Application for Press Accreditation.

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THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SIXTH ASSEMBLY

July 24 - August 10, Vancouver, Canada
(University of British Columbia Campus)

APPLICATION FOR PRESS ACCREDITATION

This form should be completed by all press working for whatever media, print or electronic, and returned no later than January 31, 1983 to one of the following addresses:

for CANADIAN press:

Vancouver Assembly Press Desk
Canadian Council of Churches
40 St. Clair Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M9

for U.S. press:

Vancouver Assembly Press Desk
World Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1062
New York, NY 10115

other countries:

Vancouver Assembly Press Desk
Department of Communication
World Council of Churches
150 route de Ferney
1211 Geneva 20 / Switzerland

All accredited persons will receive a press pass from Geneva, the word "press" being used internationally for ease of multi-lingual translation.

1. Name:

2. Name and address of publication or station you represent:

3. Name and address of owners of publication/station:

4. Position and function held:
(journalist, editor, producer, technician,
photographer, camera operator, etc.)

5. Circulation / audience
size and location
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6. What coverage are you planning?
(news, features, interviews, etc.)
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7. Are you a full time or a permanent
correspondent? If not, please specify
whether or not you have an established
working relationship with the publica-
tion/station.
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8. Please attach to this application a brief letter of endorsement from
the editor/director of the publication/station you represent, con-
firming the credentials you have described and briefly outlining
your assignment to cover the Assembly. Your application will be con-
sidered incomplete without this letter. (In cases where a TV station
or publication is sending a team including technical staff, one
letter, listing the names, will suffice.)
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9. The working languages of the Assembly will be English, French,
Spanish, German and Russian. Please specify the language in which
you wish to receive:

documentation:

simultaneous interpretation:

Aside from your first choice, do you have a second language in
which you can converse and/or read?

10. Accommodation in Vancouver is available at downtown hotels 15
minutes from the Assembly site. However, block bookings have already
been made at major hotels and a special convention rate is available.
All reservations for this blocked space should be made directly
through: ALL DESTINATIONS TRAVEL Inc., Yale Town Square, 1290 Homer
Street, Vancouver B.C., V6B 2Y5, telephone: (604) 683 6966.
Allocations will be made on a first come first served basis. The
same agency can arrange airline transportation at the most economical
fares.

A very limited number of cheaper beds are available for press on
campus, and allocated through the WCC office on a first come, first
served basis. Cost for board and meals for the full 19-day period
of the Assembly is presently estimated at \$Can. 750.

Please indicate whether you are interested in this campus housing
or whether you intend to proceed independently with your booking.

11. What kind of support services might you require for covering this Assembly:

Telex facilities:

International telephones:

Daily press releases:

Daily press briefings to preview programmes:

Daily press conferences with
Assembly speakers and leaders:

Studio facilities - audio/TV/film:
(please specify)

Background material on WCC:
(prior to arrival)

Background material on Assembly agenda:
(prior to arrival)

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12. A limited number of scholarships from church agencies will be available to assist press with travel and accommodation expenses. Such grants would be administered directly by the sponsoring agencies. Please indicate whether you would like us to forward your name to an appropriate agency, once your accreditation has been confirmed by the WCC.
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The WCC Assembly begins with an opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon, July 24 and closes on the evening of August 10.

The meeting will divide equally between large plenary sessions, smaller divisions of around 200 people and small groups of 20-25.

Proceedings in full plenary will be open to all accredited press. A block of balcony seats will be reserved and closed circuit TV coverage will be available in the press room nearby. Complete film and video coverage will be available from CBC as host broadcaster (see para. 16).

The smaller divisions (clusters, issue groups, programme hearings) are also open to press on the usual non-attributable, background only basis, as most of the discussion at this level is subject to approval by plenary. Accredited press will be free to move between the various divisions at this middle level of the Assembly, subject only to restraints on space.

The 12 small group sessions in which participants will share in bible study and more personal discussion are not open to regular reporting, and during these times press briefing sessions will be offered on the progress of the Assembly. However, if there are journalists wishing to participate in one of these small groups and follow it throughout the 12 sessions, provision can be made by a prior consultation with the group.

13. Do you intend to cover the whole duration of the Assembly?
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14. Aside from plenary sessions, will you be interested in following debates and preparation of reports through smaller sections?
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15. Will you be interested in participating in one of the small groups for bible study and discussion?
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16. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will act as host broadcaster for the Sixth Assembly and provide production and distribution facilities for television, radio, film and video coverage, a complete recording of plenary sessions, and other coverage as required. Broadcasters interested in taking advantage of these services should contact directly:

Jack R. Phillips
Director
Broadcast Services, WCC 6th Assembly
CBC, Box 4600, Vancouver
British Columbia, Canada V6B 4A2

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